

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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v.

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CRIM. NO. 21-00142-TFM

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**KARTARIUS DEWAN JOHNSON, aka
TAREEQ AKHIL ANAD**

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UNITED STATES' MOTION FOR A CONTINUANCE

Comes now the United States of America, by and through Sean P. Costello, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Alabama, and respectfully moves the Court to continue the trial in the above-captioned case for 120 days. The current January 2022 trial setting is the first setting in this case. As grounds for the motion, the United States avers as follows:

On August 26, 2021, a federal grand jury in the Southern District of Alabama returned a 16-count indictment against Johnson, charging him with wire fraud, false statements to the Small Business Administration, aggravated identity theft, and false statement to a federal agency. Doc. 1. At arraignment, Johnson notified the Court that he wished to represent himself. Doc. 11. The Court appointed counsel for Johnson, who insisted that he did not want a lawyer, and later ordered that counsel was standby only. Docs. 10, 21.

Meanwhile, on November 2, 2021, the United States filed a motion for a protective order given the voluminous nature of the discovery in this action, which contains sensitive and identifying personal information for which traditional redaction will be extremely time-consuming. Doc. 17, PageID.64. The United States filed that motion with the understanding that Johnson would be represented by counsel to whom discovery could be provided in unredacted format. Following a

Faretta hearing on November 12, 2021, however, the Court ordered that Johnson will be permitted to represent himself at all further proceedings. Doc. 30.

As a result, the United States will need to provide discovery directly to Johnson, who is the subject of an indictment that includes, among other allegations, charges of aggravated identity theft and other misuse of personal identifying information. Doc. 1, PageID.8–9. Given the above-referenced developments in the case, the United States filed an amended motion for a protective order providing that the United States will produce discovery directly to Johnson in redacted format. Doc. 31. The Court entered that protective order on December 6, 2021. Doc. 35.

Since that time, the United States has been working diligently to prepare and provide redacted discovery to Johnson, which will be produced in several batches on a rolling basis. Accordingly, in order to allow sufficient time for the United States to prepare and produce redacted discovery, and for Johnson to review the same in preparation for his defense, the United States respectfully requests that the trial in the above-captioned case be continued for 120 days.

Respectfully submitted on December 14, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 14, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to standby counsel for the defendant. I further certify that I served a copy of the foregoing to the defendant by certified U.S. mail to the following address:

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